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# Letter from Anne Whitney, to Adeline Manning, 1871 December 10

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Dec 10/71 [ = 7th ]

I could but admire, Adeline  
in reading Thekla's letter that  
you had found any thing ~~extraor-~~  
ble. For me I had not been  
more befogged by the metaphysical  
speculations of an army of  
pundits - but finding myself  
in leisure - tonight - I took the  
document & buckled to the work.  
The results are in the form of  
commentaries on the margin. I  
believe I am on the inside & it is  
a pretty clever letter after all. If  
you look in your Eng. German vocab.?  
for "framed" - you will find that  
its German equivalent - means  
among other things "frame". The  
means that she wrote a picture  
of all Angels & puts every photo-  
in its place wh. henceforth she  
keeps where she may always see  
it - "Condemned to live in the light  
of her nose". The sentence that  
precedes this. "If our thankfulness  
etc. be dealt as to the space with

Miss Manning" drew my eyebrows  
into a knot - but it opened out -  
you taught her English & she cd.  
better have expressed herself at  
that time. (?) This must be it.

From Kammerer's indisposition  
from insufficiency of Sam's want  
is rich - & so is Thacker's Compen-  
sation in suffering with the dogs -  
at ~~the~~ Sophie's disturbing & plorations -  
"a joined sigh" - A letter of Thacker  
is worth 10 common letters - now  
I wonder if Frederick Schiller  
wrote what we do something as  
good - I will send you a photo.  
if you will, since you know her,  
"Subdue the light in the eye with  
trouble you, & send it to her. You  
must not write much - a few lines  
with yr. address - is sufficient -  
I have forgotten her address -  
Box 1 - St. Karl's Mission?

No - I am wrong "so & th space  
with Miss M." - she means - if she  
knew so to be together she cd more  
happily thank me than to send it  
thus roundabout. Dear me -



I shall always think of a picture-  
frame as a "frisket".

Sunday A.M. Thus much I wrote  
Thurs. Evng. - it may have been - I  
spent Wednesday Evng. with Miss  
Stebbins - taking tea with her & Miss  
Q. who went thence to the play.  
I saw <sup>merits</sup> ~~all~~ <sup>from the front</sup>  
on Monday Evng. & tho I think her part  
is done to perfection - it still seems  
done a great bit down from the height  
she is capable to attain. The other  
parts are so poorly filled however  
that hers suffers by association  
rather than, as in some cases might  
be, is helped by the foil. The play  
seems unworthy of her genius - & the  
character wh. they call a creation  
of her own - quite below the zip of  
Scott.

I have written to Fraulein as  
in only bound - & if I send it to you  
it is that you will be so good as to  
conclude the reflection in the eyes -  
Strike however! I shall not send!

How long Mr. Gamers' stays!  
Was it he to come down in Nov.?

Did you give my love to Julia  
Gibbons?

No - I do not go to Church - you do,  
it seems since getting away from  
my motherly influence. Well - that  
is right - Living apart we shall  
grow sociable & get the world's  
good opinion. I went to Mrs  
Adams studio last week. She  
inquired after you with much interest  
& seemed to think that as friends  
& for artistic purposes we are  
very happily united. She has a  
good room on the front in the  
studio Building - ~~Looks in that~~  
sort of elegant & artistic confusion  
wh. our pretty painters strive  
after so industriously - I don't  
mean the women-painters alone but  
the whole brood of them -  
Did I tell you that Eliza - I mean  
called the other day? She also  
asked for you - She was hoping  
to find Howard in Boston - I missed  
a call from L. Bertot the other  
week. & so do not know if she  
succeeded. Lizzie's studio looks  
really working & interesting -  
My maid Janet keeps up to the  
promise - The Lord accord me  
continuance in such a blessing!  
I feel on very useful now with no trouble  
at all. Family in good health - Tho I  
can see that Father grows infirm from  
week to week. I cannot - Good night.